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Column One
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U.N. Secretary, Chou Confer On Jailed Airmen

NEW YORK. Thursday (Reuters). — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, and the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, conferred in Peking today, a cable to U.N. Headquarters in New York said. The meeting lasted nearly four hours.

It was the fourth direct meeting between Mr. Hammarskjold and the Premier since the Secretary-General arriving in Peking yesterday.

Shortly after arriving, Mr. Hammarskjold and his party held a dinner call on the Premier. Mr. Chou En-lai gave a diplomatic reception and a cocktail party in honour of the visitors at the Palace of the Purple Light and a dinner in Mr. Hammarskjold's honour.

A forgotten war is being fought in the South Moluccas, it was declared.

But an Indonesian High Commissioner spokesman denied that there was a revolt among the people of the Moluccas. Some 1,000 U.N. personnel detained after the Korean war. Presumably Mr. Hammarskjold was referring to the proposal from Mr. Chou En-lai on the proposal which was known he would advance that there would be a joint announcement at an agreed hour each day of the talks agreed between the Chinese and U.N. sides.

USSR Fails to Seat China in U.N. Body

HONG KONG. Thursday (Reuters). — Russia complained at a U.N. trade conference here today that embargoes on trade with China and the attempted blockade of her coast were detrimental to countries in the area.

Mr. V. S. Spandaryan, the Soviet delegate, told the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) conference that the U.S. was to blame for the attempted blockade being carried out by the Nationalist navy. It is wide and strong. In fact never before in the history of this earth have there been two such monstrously wide and strong and unified — sovereign, identified, admitted, etc., which no international group or coalition of national groups has the slightest hope of prevailing except with the help of the other. And because none of us can escape or evade the heat of the presence of Russia on this earth, as an encumbrance or evade the presence of the United States. That is why there are powerful arguments against neutralism. They may not be final or decisive arguments but they are certainly powerful and certain after the other has found out during the past few years.

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Ike Calls for Sustained Military Effort by West

WASHINGTON. Thursday (Reuters). — President Eisenhower today called on the U.S. and other Western nations to protect themselves from a "nuclear holocaust" by maintaining their military power to persuade the Soviet bloc of the futility of aggression.

The President emphasized that the present situation "is a most critical state," but that efforts should be made "in an honourable way for enduring peace."

His annual "State of the Union" message to the 84th Congress was given to a joint session of the new Senate and House which is controlled by the opposition Democratic Party by narrow margins.

He appealed to them to cooperate with his programme as to avoid the paralysis of division of power which has plagued the Congress in the past in such circumstances.

Democratic leaders have already pledged cooperation in general terms.

Democratic Reaction

The Senate Democratic leader, Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson, pledged that President Eisenhower's 1954 legislative programme "will receive no unnecessary opposition by reasonable men."

Democrats generally complimented the President on his address but some of them took mild issue with his specific subjects.

In reviewing international conditions in the past year, President Eisenhower said the Turco-Pakistani pact had laid the foundation for increased strength in the Middle East. He stated that with U.S. support, Egypt and Britain, Italy, France and Iran have "dangerous differences."

The Balkan alliance has "enhanced" the security of the Mediterranean area, he declared.

The President outlined five main features of a vast programme of U.S. military strength: ability to strike back instantly with destructive power in reply to an attack; avoidance of undue reliance on one weapon or one kind of warfare; balanced and flexible military planning;

U.S. supplies of nuclear weapons for land, naval and air forces, and efficiency and ingenuity to provide a programme that could be carried forward from year to year until the threat of aggression has disappeared.

It is understood that care will be taken to prevent the new appeal from taking the form of a Greek-British dispute.

The General Assembly last month adopted the Greek motion to support the right of self-determination for the predominantly Greek-speaking Cyprus.

Foreign Minister Stefan Stefanopoulos subsequently said the Greek Government would pursue firmly its Cyprus policy even though the United Nations would not fulfill the Greek Cyprus people's wish.

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Greece to Return Cyprus Issue to UN

ATHENS. Thursday (Reuters). — Greece will raise the Cyprus issue again at the next session of the U.N. General Assembly despite advice from the Western powers against the move.

But the case of the island nation, which has been the focus of a series of international issues involving the future of a territory not self-governing.

If the Cypriots' embargoes were lifted, Japan could save \$200,000 in 1954 — about 30 per cent of her total payments to debt countries in 1953.

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Istanbul

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**Social & Personal**

On the occasion of the publication of Mr. Gad Franklin's book, "The Story of a Jewish Life in Jerusalem," Dr. Menachem Binyamin, the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to luncheon the author and his wife, Mr. Yeshayahu Press, Mr. A. Eliazar, and Prof. Mrs. Mrs. Y. Rivlin. Dr. Menachem and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday toured several Jerusalem industrial enterprises, including Jerusalem Fertilizers Ltd., Dura Plastic Ltd. and the Jerusalem Stone Corporation.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharot gave a luncheon yesterday for Mr. Richard Crossman, M.P. and Mrs. Crossman, Mr. John Eden, M.P., Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, Dr. and Mrs. Dow Joseph, Mr. Theodore Kacab, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Schick, Mr. and Mrs. B. Barkat and Miss Sally Morevitz. Mr. John R. Eden, Conservative Member of the British Parliament arrived in Tel Aviv yesterday for a week's visit at the invitation of the Government.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Edward B. Lawson, received a group of members of the Israel-American Friendship League on their visit to Tel Aviv yesterday.

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ARRIVALS: Mrs. Rose Halperin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive in New York, a leading member of the Executive family, arrived in Tel Aviv for the plenary meeting of the Executive. Dr. Eliezer Dan Segal, head of the Karen Hayes Department for Europe and North Africa, from Europe where he helped organize the European Karen Hayes Conference in Brussels, and was working organizing the 1955 United Israel Congress. Miss Rosemary Yiddish musical comedy star, daughter of Hungary, for a series of appearances (by El Al).

DEPARTURES: Mr. George L. Levy, a leading member of the Executive family, arrived in Tel Aviv for a visit (by El Al). Dr. Ernst Fischer of the photochemical laboratory of the Weizmann Institute, with his family for the U.S. He is to spend one year in the radiation laboratory of the University of California.

A reception was held yesterday at the Be'er Club in Jerusalem in honour of Mr. Menahem Avi-Ad, on the occasion of the premiere performance of his opera "Alexandra the Haasen" by Mr. A. Adler-Rudel, of the Public Relations Division. Mr. Nahum Eisenberg spoke on behalf of the visitors. The group's one-month tour has been organized by Israel's Bureau Aires subsidiary of the Tourist Division of the Histadrut Executive.

Dr. H. Summerskill and Mr. James Griffith visited the Hilli Pharmaceutical factory in Haifa yesterday. Dr. Summerskill was impressed that 90% of the factory hands are women.

Dr. George C. Jaffe, Professor of Physics in Louisiana State University until 1948, visited the Weizmann Institute yesterday. Prof. Jaffe is on his way home to the U.S. from Japan.

Representatives of leading Israeli touring companies, of Hadassah and of the Hebrew University attended the meeting of the Israel Touring Club in Jerusalem on "Development Budget and Israel Bonds." After lectures by the Head Director, Mr. Leo Krown, and other staff members, the group toured the Meier Industrial zone, the Tahan Film Mill and the Jerusalem Glass Co.

Mr. Zevi Hakai, who has completed his tour as Director of the Jewish Agency's Morrocco office, has been awarded the Golden Book in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book by the Jewish communities and Zionist Organization in Morocco.

Mr. Asher Halperin of Tel Aviv, a graduate of the School of Law and Economics, has been awarded a Ph.D. in Economics by Princeton University for a thesis on "Palestine's Balance of Payments 1932-48." He is the first Israeli to receive a Doctorate at Princeton.

The Safra Cellar, Haifa, last night entertained the crew of the a.s. Bet Ganim and other seafarers to a festive dinner on its premises in Haifa Harbour.

BIRTH
MARIKE — to Sonia (née Smilg) and Alia Marke, at the Asmat Hospital, Tel Aviv — a daughter, sister to Edna and Dora.

HAN MITZVA

The Bar Mitzva of Alia, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gluckstein, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. K. Gluckstein and the late Emanuel Gluckstein, is to take place on January 15, 1955, at the Yeshurun Synagogue, Jerusalem, between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. This is the only intimation.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF NAGI'S BROTHER
The Egyptian Cabinet has approved the resignation of ex-President Nagi's brother, Ali Nagi, former Ambassador to Damascus, according to the Arab News Agency yesterday.

Goodwill Crossing For Eastern Orthodox Christmas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An atmosphere of "goodwill to all men" cheered the transit of 1,700 Christians from Israel to the Old City yesterday, on their way to celebrate the Orthodox Church Christmas in Bethlehem. Bright sunshine and helpful policemen made the arrangements smoother than on December 24 when members of the Western Churches crossed. By seven in the morning, St. George Street was crammed with impatient pilgrims, taxis and sightseeing buses chartered to bring families from Galilee. Many village folk carried mattresses and carpets to sleep in in Jerusalem. The walk-to-hotel houses had to lug sufficient extra of coats, clothing and baskets of citrus.

Tents in Square

Customs, health and transit permits were checked in three adjoining tents pitched in Maha'el Square. Many deposited cash with the Customs men to cover duty on goods they intend bringing back from Jordan. The exchange of Israeli currency for Jordanian was handled by Discount Bank

OBITUARY**Esther Adler**

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Esther (Esther) Adler, of the Jewish Agency secretarial staff, at the age of 85.

Born to a Rabbinical family in Canada, Esther Adler (née Berger) came to Israel in 1948, arriving in Tel Aviv yesterday. The group, led by Mr. S. Z. Abramov, National Chairman of the League, included Dr. A. Altman, M.K. Dr. A. Ankori, and Mr. M. Makis, chairman of the Jerusalem Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva branches respectively, and Mr. Max Clyman, Secretary.

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Schoetz Shows New Style

ANTON Bruckner was once asked whether he would like to compose an opera. "Why not?" he replied, "but only an opera with logical aria's." What's he wanted to know. "Quite simple," the master explained. "One person says, sing something, and the other does so."

By the same token, the recent works of Benno Schatz, whose sketches for operas, last seen at the Berliner Opernhaus, could be called "Henry Moore with logical holes." These sketches in reinforced concrete are to a large extent "open" compositions, and the most compositionally essential "holes" are more or less developed out of the movement of the plastic figures. They are light and graceful, conceived in the style of a new material which organically employed, allows the sculptor new and daring solutions, akin to those that the architect "The Building with Child" or "Adam and Eve" will be enhancing open-air sculptures, when completed life-size. "The Mourners" is a deeply sincere work which can really stand comparison with the best of Moore.

While we were most impressed by these recent works which border on the semi-abstract, it is probable that many visitors are more attracted by the earlier statuary which shows Schatz as a truly competent sculptor.

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NAHARIYA LION

thoroughly unpleasant surface and never accomplishes Sigma's optical illusion.

Judith Sobel

THE catalogue calls Judith Sobel's show a "Festive Exhibition" and this is, in actual fact, an exhibition of paints and not of paintings. She tries in vain to sublimate landscape into rectangular pattern. But these patterns are never organic. One has the feeling of views distorted by a three-dimensional construction by two different lenses. Sobel does not master or does not want to master the perspective by colour. Her pictures remain distressingly flat and, because they are not constructed, they do not impress as true abstractions, but only as colour abstractions.

The Tel Aviv Museum has acquired one painting, "Woman with Birds." This is a little too poster-like to be the reviewer's choice which would rather have "The Garden" (No. 18), a delightful colour fantasy, or "Street in the City" (No. 27), also very beautiful in colour. All in all this is the best collection of works Wechsler has yet shown.

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Jacob Wechsler

THE recent paintings by Jacob Wechsler on view at the Tel Aviv Museum show the same adherence to semi-abstract and the characteristic harmonies of his former work. There is, moreover, a gain in the organization of the pattern which makes the new works more satisfying aesthetically.

Thirty-three oils are shown, most of them based on the human form, and in some paintings he gives the more recognizable figures although always keeping the triangle as the symbol of the neck. In many works Wechsler

Abroad

Aharon Giladi has recently held an exhibition of paintings in Paris, which has elicited warm praise from the Parisian art critics. "Art" reproduces a painting of a woman with a child, and says that Giladi's canvases are "filled with the pure atmosphere of those who live close to the earth and the earth itself." Giladi's work is individual in the restricted sense of the word but as part of a spiritual unity, of an organic world... art is work." Another critic states that "looking at Giladi's canvases, one can imagine how the land of the people would appear to the great Rabbis."

The artist is to spend several months more in France before returning to Israel.

Bezalel Exhibits

"EXHIBIT of the Month" for January is a portrait of the philologist Herman Cohen by Max Lieberman. Painted in 1913, this portrait shows Lieberman at the zenith of his noble art. It is a masterpiece of impressionism.

An exhibition: "The Satiric in Graphic Art from Goya to Picasso," is again drawn from the museum's inexhaustible folders. The trifold theme is a tall order. One could have easily voted an exhibition of the satiric in the Arab world over whether it would be the life of Mohammed or the life of Christ. The exhibition offers a plenitude of precious prints that defies review in this context. — The question whether a museum in Jerusalem, a capital so poor in art galleries, should have an exhibition of its own, remains to be decided.

A small show of African folk-art introduces valuable additions to the exotic side of the collection — donations from the Folk-Art Museum in Lorenzo Marques. It is wonderful that we have friends in such distant lands...

Had Gadya

HAD GADYA (Marusya Herzon) was one of the first pupils of Boris Schatz at the old Bezalel School. Traces of this sound academic training are unmistakably present in her work.

Had Gadya, if she attempts to be a sound painter of pretty realistic portraits and flower pieces. However, her ambition is in other directions. There are landscapes, conceived in the pseudo-primitive fashion of an Israel Grandjean, and a few from Van Gogh. The majority of Had Gadya's pictures are painted in a pointillist technique which disregards the basic tenet of Pointillism, namely to give prismatic colour in spots which, when seen from a certain distance, the eye would appear to be the ground of the picture.

Although Egypt has a thriving film industry with a vast market in the Moslem world, Egyptian films have shunned religious themes. The "van" strictly forbids reproducing the image of a man.

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the Arab world. Their verdict is that not only Mohammed should not appear on the screen under any circumstances, but also Abraham, Moses, Jesus, David, John the Baptist, and Jesus all revered by Moslems as prophets who preceded Mohammed.

They protested that the Egyptian Army's Public Relations Department had asked the Cavalry Corps for 100 cavalrymen to appear in a film on the life of Joseph, now being filmed in Egypt.

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Radio Review

Shamir and Hemingway

GALER Zahal last week produced several interesting programmes. On Tuesday, it broadcast the first instalment of a collaboration of Moshe Shamir's novel, "King of Flesh and Blood." The central character is Alexander Yannai and as a Hasmonian story it is very seasonal. A great effort has obviously been made with the production, the first instalment of which includes introductory scenes and incidental music specially composed by Emanuel Amir. The first part was not wholly satisfactory as it lacked tension. It was essentially an adaptation of a book and the participants occasionally sounded as if they were reading in

stead of acting. However, it would be unfair to draw conclusions after the first instalment.

The following evening Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" was broadcast. It did not aim at being more than a dramatic reading of the story, rendered by a narrator, an Old Man and a Youth. Even sound effects, which were introduced by Moshe Shamir, did not incidentally complement the music specially composed by Emanuel Amir. The first part was not wholly satisfactory as it lacked tension. It was essentially an adaptation of a book and the participants occasionally sounded as if they were reading in

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FORECAST: Fair to partly cloudy. OUTLOOK: Fair to SHARON: Partly cloudy. Temp. 50° to 60°. Min. 35°. Max. 50°. Wind: N. 10-15 m.p.h. Slight breeze.

MORE THAN ILR.200 had been received by last night by the President's Fund for the Flood Victims. It was officially announced.

FOR REPURSING to answer questions put by a Food Inspector last April, Gerald Maimon, manager of a Scrip shop in King George Street, Tel Aviv, was yesterday fined IL200 by the Magistrate's Court.

A CIGAR-SHAPED object, emitting a bluish light, criss-crossed the sky at terrific speed over Beersheba at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon and disappeared after a circuitous route in a westerly direction. It was seen by hundreds of persons.

100 EMPLOYEES of the Shell Company in Israel joined the Histadrut after the strike which took place at the company some months ago, the Haifa Labour Committee stated. Employees of another 100 now believe have also joined the Histadrut.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS for guides will be held on Sunday in the following places: Jerusalem, Antiquities Division, Tel Aviv, Ministry of Communications and Industry; Haifa, Histadrut, 10th Floor, 115, Haifa; Ministry of Agriculture, 21 Haifa Street. The examination will be held in two shifts—9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

MANDATORY BONDS DRAW TEL AVIV, Thursday.—At the drawing of the Mandate Bonds (second series) held today, No. 117702 was IL 1,000, and 143515 won IL 500. IL 250 each was won by numbers 169773 and 180610, and numbers 132012, 189706, 172816, 107076, 228001, 184000, 184800, 185609 and 173250 were IL 100 each. There were also prizes of IL 50 and IL 20.

In the 35th drawing of the Mandatory Bonds (series four), No. 619446 won IL 14,646; 785196 won IL 320,812 and 873602 won IL 10,400. There were various smaller prizes.

Kupat Holim Asks Chance For Unity

By Our Labour Correspondent
Kupat Holim, the Histadrut Sick Fund, is ready for the fullest coordination of the country's health services under the authority of the Ministry of Health. Mr. Itzhak Kanev, Director of the Fund, said in an interview in Tel Aviv, adding that they had agreed to give the opportunity to discuss over-all co-operation. Representatives of Kupat Holim, Hadassah, Maimon and the Defence Forces Health Services, which were responsible for most of the country's health work, had agreed to join the Government's Health Council and the Co-ordinating Council, which they had agreed to join over three months ago, had not yet met. (The Council is to meet today in Jaffa).

Kupat Holim, Mr. Kanev said, had agreed to any concrete proposals for co-operation to be made as their health services to their members were not affected. In Migdal Ashkelon, which was mentioned by Mr. Joseph Seirlin, the Minister of Health, on Monday as an example of failure to cooperate, they were left with two full-time doctors and one part-time doctor to care for 10,000 persons, when the minimum required was five, and they could not agree to release the part-time doctor for the proposed health centre in Ashkelon (Afirid), without defaulting on their obligations to their members.

In principle, Mr. Kanev was in favour of the nationalization of health services, so long as not only Kupat Holim but all private hospitals and physicians were

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Imported butter for infants: 100 gms. 100 gms. for expectant mothers: 200 gms. coupon 17 of special book. Price: 1.50. Substitute for flour: 100 gms. 100 gms. 100 gms. and 100 gms. Haifa AND SHARON DISTRICT: January rations: Sugar: 1 kg. additional 500 gms. Aleph cards: 1 kg. 100 gms. 100 gms. 100 gms. 100 gms. 100 gms. Temp. 15. Coriander: For Dec. and Jan. 100 gms. Aleph cards, no coupon. Temp. 20. Oil: Composition oil: 100 gms. 100 gms. cooking oil: 100 gms. Temp. 1. Imported butter: 400 gms. Samph. 1. Coffee: First Jan. ration: 100 gms. 100 gms. Aleph cards: 100 gms. Temp. 15. (H.M.)

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Bus Inquiry Board Refuses Discussion Under Strike Threat

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV, Thursday.—The Public Committee investigating public transport will not discuss anything under the threat of a strike, Judge R. Bohar, the chairman of the committee, told representatives of the bus cooperatives. The cooperatives had agreed to a temporary 15 per cent fare increase when the committee met yesterday.

Judge Bohar said that in view of the difficulties encountered by the cooperatives in obtaining bank credits, the committee was unable to advise the Ministry of Finance and Communications should help them in obtaining such credits in order to finance purchases of fuel.

It is understood that as a result of the chairman's warning and in view of the prospect of such a loss, the managers of the bus cooperatives will meet next week to consider cancellation of their strike threat.

At a previous meeting between Judge Bohar and representatives of the cooperatives it had been made quite clear that any increase in fares could not be in the form of a general fare increase but only those to outlying districts which were unprofitable.

The Minister of Communications, Joseph Danzig, was independent and unable to agree on the committee yesterday. The Ministry's Director General is understood to have presented figures drawn up by his department which differ radically from those offered in testimony by the

Exped Driver Faces Manslaughter Charge

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Thursday.—The District Attorney today filed in the Magistrate's Court here a manslaughter charge against the Exped driver, Dov Tilo, claiming he was responsible for the death of 14 passengers when his bus collided with a passenger train at the level crossing near Kurnitash on November 29.

He is to call 27 witnesses, members of residents and several passengers who escaped, with injuries, from the disaster. No date has been set for the preliminary examination.

TALKS WITH T.S.O. ON SCOPUS CONVOY

It is understood that conversations took place yesterday between the Israel authorities and the T.S.O. staff in connection with the convoy, which turned back on Wednesday when the Jordanians of Mamelah Gate demanded the right to search through food being sent to the guards on Mt. Scopus.

The case will continue tomorrow.

Times' Says Pressure On Egypt Ineffective

London, Thursday (Hebter)—The first fishing boat built in Germany under the Reparations Agreement arrived in Haifa Port today. She is a 75-ton, well-equipped trawler named Ophir, and will be operated at Michmoret.

Three more vessels of this type have already left Hamburg and are due here soon.

100 NEW COOPERATIVES PLANNED FOR 1955

TEL AVIV, Thursday.—About a hundred new cooperative societies are to be set up in 1955, according to plans put forward at the meeting of the Council of the Cooperative Union here. Dr. Meir Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, presided.

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tadrut to appoint a 21-
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A CONSUMERS' between
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be welcomed as an indispensable weapon in the struggle to peg wages as they are; but even if this end is attained there still remain serious deficiencies in our general shopping conditions in Israel which are not beyond remedy.

The faults are reflected from time to time in letters such as that from a reader to this column earlier this week, in which she complained considerably more than the authorized price for a car "because it was bigger." Tuva answered that the price per kilo was IL 1.500 regardless of size. In this case the customer was able to get some information at least out of a reputable marketing organization. What redress could follow it is difficult to say at the moment, though the machinery undoubtedly exists.

This complaint is but one of the thousands which multiply all over the country, and when taken in conjunction with the great number of small inefficient and insanitary shops, with the dearth of skilled shop assistants, and a general lack of retail standards in so many instances, it will be realized that there is a real consumers' problem in Israel.

The suggestion is often made that the answer is a buyers' strike on the part of housewives; but this is not practicable since so great a percentage of the average household budget is spent on food. Nor is it so easy to change one's shop; rations are "linked," and in any case there is very little alternative in most neighbourhoods, while the lack of delivery service coupled with the overburdened housewife to shop nearest home.

What consumers' strikes there have been in the past have been very localized and have shown that they cannot hope to succeed without a strong organization behind them. But in any case the remedy does not lie in this direction but rather in a general, radical overhaul of retail standards.

The latest reports indicate that the growth of co-operatives is exercising an increasingly healthy influence on shopping standards and "Hashomer" is in general gaining a reputation for modernity, service and quality of goods. The Union of Cooperatives stated on Wednesday that it is hoped in 1955 to open a hundred new cooperatives providing for 12,000 families. But they still do not serve the whole population and as the Histadrut meeting which discussed problems of prices on Wednesday shows, there are still a number of problems to be tackled even in this field.

The shopkeepers of all kinds are organized, are capable of exercising pressure on government departments, not always in the interests of the consumer, and have not shown by their past record much awareness of the fundamental principle of retail trade in enlightened countries that the consumer must enjoy prior consideration above all else.

The only answer to the problem would seem to be the formation of strong consumers' organizations, which would frame the type of regulations and legislation necessary to the drawing up of a Consumers' Charter. It might be expected that responsible bodies like the Union of Cooperatives would encourage such an organization; there is certainly a field here for exploitation by the great women's organizations in Israel, which have blazed so many important trails in the improvement of women's living conditions in this country.

Museum Named For
Emmanuel Rotstein

RAMAT GAN, Thursday.—The cornerstone of a museum to be named for Emanuel Rotstein, an airmen who fell during the war of Independence, was laid in Ramat Hasharon, near Tel Aviv, today.

The building, which will also house an aviation club, is being erected by Rotstein's family, on a plot donated by the Municipality.

HEBREW-ENGLISH-FRENCH

You will find these lessons, thoroughly at the "READY-MADE" REGISTRATION FOR ADDITIONAL COURSES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND FOR STUDENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th forms; in the following schools: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th forms. Classes will be held mornings and evenings. Also SPECIAL COURSES IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH FOR STUDENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th forms; in the following schools: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th forms. Classes will be held in the evenings.

The American Scene

Ike Asserts Himself

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON, (O.P.N.S.)—In recent months, much has been written about the emergence of President Eisenhower as the master of his own house, rather than as a naive and confused guest there. His firm delineation of the necessity of "compromises" between the West, his administration and the East, his attempts to provocative acts, have established to the satisfaction of most observers in Washington that the President is becoming his own Foreign Minister.

Equally, his recent decision to increase the strength of the American armed forces in favour of greater emphasis on new weapons, and a new manpower reserve programme — though much more open to criticism — illustrate the way in which he is taking control of strategic policy. In the past week or so, there has been a marked change in his attitude to the Republicans — in asserting his independence of his office — as a politician and as the leader of the Republican Party. In the first place, it is clear that the President has at last realized that the two great American parties are not homogeneous, and that he has learned through his experience in Europe, and that any attempt to base his legislative programme solely on the support of his own Republican Party is doomed to failure because on every issue except winning an election it is the Right-wing Republicans who are the most virulent. That is why Senator McCarthy's recent attack on the President showed, when Republicans must, for the sake of their own local political support, limit their attacks on the President to sniping rather than outright opposition.

Quiet, Please

AT every day more technologically advanced, so it becomes progressively noisier. The high-pitched whine of jet engines, the roar of racing machines, the roar of agricultural machinery, even the insidious rumble of the domestic refrigerator, create an environment which is getting harder and harder on the nerves. Consequently, it is not surprising that American business is turning its attention to means of quietening and muffling industrial noise. There is now a new profession in the United States called "acoustical consultants" who advise companies on methods of quietening the din in their factories. The manufacturers of acoustical materials, particularly of mineral or glass fibre, are doing about six times as much business as they were ten years ago. It is estimated that next year, American industry will spend \$500 million or more on noise insulating materials.

not is a different matter; there are no signs that he has overcome his class pretensions for retirement to his family. Pennsylvania is in all probability, the pressure on him, created by the knowledge that he alone can hold the White House for the Republicans, will be so great that he will run for President.

The point is that he is failing to disown this idea, and permitting his entourage actively to encourage it, he makes it worth while for the moderate Republicans to take greater risks in supporting him, and at the same time weakens the ability of the Right-wing to oppose him. If the Republicans were heading for certain defeat in 1956, Senators like McCarthy, Jenner and Willis will be strengthened in their intransigence. As long as the immensely popular figure of President Eisenhower remains at the head of the Party, he is in no position to do much damage, and the horrified surmises of the Right-wing Republicans to dissociate themselves from Senator McCarthy's recent attack on the President showed, when Republicans must, for the sake of their own local political support, limit their attacks on the President to sniping rather than outright opposition.

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THE largest Search Bureau for Missing Persons in the world is housed in a small basement room of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, where the three men who spend their time rifling through the 2,000,000 cards in the walls, see their work and in the dramatic reunions of families or, all too often, in the tragic certainty of a death-camp refugee.

The group, headed by Mr. Israel Zimman, tries to pinpoint the last known whereabouts of persons who were either deported or who escaped under false names and are scattered throughout the world.

Requests come from every corner of the globe, including



"TICA says in a city where it is forbidden to drive on certain streets and where the house numbers are completely meaningless, the least the Jerusalem Municipality can do is provide a stay of taxes to allow for the purchase of maps, theodolites and slide rules."

Arms Cache Story Told

THE arms acquired for the defense of the Yishuv during World War I and thereafter had to be stored away in secret hideouts, and the members of the "Hashomer" organization decided to make a cache at Kfar Giladi for this purpose. Zvi Kroll reveals in "Sefer Hashomer," the second volume has just been published.

This subterranean store had to be constructed in the utmost secrecy, and the members of the organization were immediately concerned with the project ever knew that anything was afoot. Only Kroll and the men who were selected to draw up the plan and to execute it knew the site of the cache.

For the first few weeks, everything proceeded according to plan. The two workers selected carried on their shoulders a sack containing a special plan, and in the daytime, at night they slowly sank a pit into the rocky ground, working regularly until 6 o'clock in the morning. Soon, the fatigue and the fear of being found out by their comrades led the diggers to stop work, but the cache was still afoot.

But the ventilation system which had been introduced for

the excavation work no longer sufficed for the sealed magazine.

Once again, the builders had

to turn to a specialist for advice. Upon seeing the cache, he was amazed at the back-breaking work that had been done at the site, and the workers had overcome all the difficulties. He then hit upon a plan for ensuring effective ventilation. Since the storehouse had been built under a hill, all that was needed was to excavate a horizontal shaft of 10 meters long which would connect it with the hillside. The exit was duly camouflaged.

For a whole year, the two

workers went on with their

daily stint — nine hours of work

on the farm by day and a seven-

hour dig at night. This was car-

ried on in complete secrecy and

the task was accomplished

thanks to the workers' steadfast

devotion and the patience of

their wives.

When the riots broke out in

1948, Kfar Giladi was the cen-

tre from which arms were de-

patched to many vulnerable si-

lements.

The Tel Aviv branch of the

S.P.C.A. has now been revived

in cooperation with a number of

old and new members. We hope

that you will show your interest

by contacting our representa-

tive at the Frack Cafeteria, Dizengoff St., on Mondays and

Thursdays between 5 and 7 p.m., Tuesdays from 10 to 12 a.m. or

Wednesday from 8 to 10 a.m.

Yours etc.,

S.P.C.A., Tel Aviv — Jaffa

Tel Aviv, December 31.

Editor, the Jerusalem Post

SIR — The human activities

of the Society for the Preven-

tion of Cruelty to Animals, in Tel

Aviv in 1954, were interrupted by

the riots. Since then, there has

been a frightening

deterioration of public interest

in the fate of dumb ani-

mals.

That was when the first snag

presented itself. When word

was given to an engineer to

make a cache for the arms

which had been stored in

the basement of the S.P.C.A.

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